

John A. Bilow, *Chateaugay, New York and The War of 1812* (1984)

On June 18, 1812, war was declared...

The Committee of Safety for Franklin County was formed; they were Albon Man of Constable, Hiram Horton of Malone...and **David Erwin**. They wrote to General Moorers in Plattsburg often, asking for more supplies while complaining about their lack of protection. (p. 12)

On November 23rd...French Mills is invaded (p. 17)

Lt. Col. Alric Man to General Benjamin Moorers, Plattsburg  
Constable November 24, 1812

... I have thought proper to detach about 60 men, all volunteers, under **Capt. David Erwin** to complete the block house as mostly all the materials are on the spot. Had it been done before the attack it is likely it would have saved the loss of our troops. **Capt. Erwin** is captain of the exempts in this town and is a very thorough and capable man and I presume will waste no time in completing the Block House which will be in 10 or 15 days... (p. 17)

This concluded the last overt act of the War on the Canada - Franklin County border. On September 11, 1814 **Captain David Erwin** and Moses Eggleston recruited two companies of soldiers. These two companies were to march to Plattsburg because of the British incursion into that area. They took a southerly route near Chateaugay Lake to avoid any British patrols but by the time they reached Plattsburg the battle was over. They were all discharged on September 20, 1814 and received \$2.6 each for their trouble. (p. 128)